

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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MICHAEL JANISCH,)
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Defendant.)
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NO. 2:24-cr-00216-JHC

ORDER APPOINTING
RUSSELL M. AOKI AS
THE COORDINATING
DISCOVERY ATTORNEY

Before the Court is an unopposed motion for an order appointing the coordinating discovery attorney. Dkt. # 37. For the reasons presented therein, the Court GRANTS the motion:

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Russell M. Aoki of Aoki Law PLLC is appointed as Coordinating Discovery Attorney for court-appointed defense counsel.

The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues. His responsibilities will include:

- 1 • Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the government,
2 distributing discovery produced by the government and relevant third-party
3 information common to all defendants;
- 4 • Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what kinds of
5 technology should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are avoided
6 and the most efficient and cost-effective methods are identified;
- 7 • Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and
8 effective exchange of discovery;
- 9 • Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other
10 litigation support services;
- 11 • Assessing the needs of defense counsel and further identifying any
12 additional vendor support that may be required—including copying,
13 scanning, forensic imaging, data processing, data hosting, trial
14 presentation, and other technology depending on the nature of the case;
- 15 • Identifying any additional human resources that may be needed by the
16 individual parties for the organization and substantive review of
17 information; and
- 18 • Providing training on the use of litigation support tools to the defense
19 teams as a group and individually.

20 When executing these responsibilities, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney
21 shall assess, with input from defense counsel, the most effective and cost-efficient
22 manner of organizing the discovery.

23 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include providing
24 representation services and, therefore, will not be establishing an attorney-client
25 relationship with any defendant. Discovery intended for counsel of a specific
26 defendant and not to be shared among all defense counsel shall be produced by the
27 government directly to defense counsel for that defendant. Except for discovery
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1 matters common to all defendants, discovery issues specific to any defendant shall be
2 addressed by defense counsel directly with the Government and not through the
3 Coordinating Discovery Attorney.
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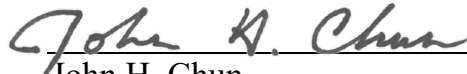
5 Any common discovery already produced by the government before this
6 Order shall be produced by the government to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney
7 within 14 days. Unless otherwise agreed or if time does not allow, any additional
8 discovery not already produced shall be provided directly to the Coordinating
9 Discovery Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the discovery to defense
10 counsel, unless the government elects to produce discovery directly to defense
11 counsel with a simultaneous copy to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney. The
12 government shall work with the Coordinating Discovery Attorney to provide
13 discovery in a timely manner.
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16 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, *ex parte*, for
17 funds for outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these services,
18 including confirming that the work previously agreed upon was performed. However,
19 the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Defender Services Office will pay for
20 his time and the time spent by his staff. All petitions for outside services shall include
21 a basis for the requested funds and an assessment of whether the costs of the services
22 are necessary and reasonable.
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25 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall also provide this Court with
26 monthly *ex parte* status reports depicting the status of work, anticipated third-party
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1 services, and whether that work remains within the budget of any funds authorized by
2 the Court, with a copy provided to defense counsel.

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4 DATED this 6th day of March, 2025

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8 United States District Judge
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